

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. Practice so that such claims will be placed in better form for U.S. practice and will therefore be examined, and also to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee.

Such amendments are made entirely without prejudice to applicant's rights to later present claims of varying scope encompassed by the multi-dependencies deleted above, applicants respectfully reserving their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies. The amendments made above are thus made without dedication, disclaimer, abandonment, waiver, forfeiture, renunciation, concession, and/or surrender of any kind. The amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant now respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.


In re of: KUBOTA 16

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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